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July 19, 2001

VIA FACSIMILE (801) 534-1407

Tony Rudman Counsel for Magcorp 238 North 2200 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-2921

Re:

Reclamation Bond Increase

Your Client: Magcorp

Dear Mr. Rudman:

I have received your July 18, 2001, voice mail message to me regarding your prior meetings with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining staff and their request that Magcorp increase the amount of its Reclamation Bond. I am currently out of state until July 22, 2001, and until I return will not be able to respond to your request for the Division's legal authority to request mine reclamation bonds.

I understand that you or your client will be submitting a written response to the Division's request early next week. Because I was not a party to the prior meetings with your client, it would assist me if you could 1) describe each reason(s) your client understands it is being asked to increase its bond; and 2) describe each legal issue you believe is relevant to these reason(s).

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Upon receipt, I will then meet with the Division to discuss your client's concerns, advise the Division, and respond to the issues raised in your client's letter.

Very truly yours,

Lynda Jenson on behalf of: Kurt Seel

Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Lowell Braxton, DOGM M.A. Wright, DOGM

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TO:

Kurt E. Seel

FROM:

Tony Rudman, MagCorp

DATE:

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RE:

Audix Message - July 18, 2001

Mr. Seel my name is Tony Rudman. I am general counsel with Magcorp. I had a meeting with Mary Ann Wright regarding a discussion to revise the reclamation surety bond out on the Knolls facility that we operate. One of the issues that came up is that back when the project was originally proposed and approved, there was a final approval of the permit transfers and the amount and the form of the reclamation sureties. Wayne Hedberg has that in his file, it was July 26, 1990. Magcorp bonded at that time. The issue is the extent to which the BLM and the State of Utah can now require Magcorp to increase the surety amount or to change the scope of the originally agreed-to reclamation bond without Magcorp's approval.

Mary Ann told me to call you and you would have case law and also statutes that you would send to me showing that the State has the authority to do this and so does the BLM. I would appreciate it if you would share the information with me. If you need to talk to Mary Ann, you can talk to her so that I can make an assessment as to what extent we are willing to increase the bond, if any. I would like to get that done next week.

I will have my secretary put a call to Mary Ann and let her know you are out of town until next week. Thanks.